

DR. CURRY'S ADDRESS TO STUDENT Y. M. C. A.

WAS GREETED BY LARGE AND ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE.

Speaker Many Years Ago According to Curry's Teachings
The Declamation Contest.

The sermon to the Young Men's Christian Association showed the versatility of Dr. Curry. Like the morning sermon, it was a plain and direct appeal for high living and the purification of the Christian gospel; but the style was quite different, much more delivered to large audiences of people, and both deserved the close attention which they received.

The service began at 5 p. m. with the invocation by Dr. Sheld. This was followed by the hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." Dr. Curry then read from the fifth and sixth chapters of Galatians. After the following prayer, a bass solo was sung by Dr. George S. Walts. The choir and congregation then united in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Announcement of the remaining commencement exercises was made by Dr. Sheld, after which he stated that the sermon of the evening would be by Dr. Curry.

Dr. Curry took as his text: "For as much as ye are manifestly declared to be the apostle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart"—II. Corinthians, third chapter and third verse.

The apostle of Christ, he said in part, are not as often mentioned as those of Paul, Moses, David, Isaiah, Paul, John, and many of the other great men of the Bible wrote; but Christ wrote nothing. In our day every man who has a new thought or a new system, or who can present an old system in a new light, rushes into print. Here's a man whose thoughts transcended those of all others, and transformed the human race, and yet he committed nothing to writing.

In recent years scholars have been ransacking the Orient for old manuscripts, and especially for things pertaining to Christ. But nothing written by Christ has been discovered. As far as we know he wrote only once, and then with his finger in the sand, and yet we read of epistles of Christ, not on marble, or parchment, or brass, but written on the human heart. In every generation He writes epistles upon the souls and minds of men and women. If they were written on brass, marble, or parchment, they would perish; written on the immortal soul they will last throughout all eternity.

These epistles are written upon tablets of the breast by the spirit of the living God, and a mysterious change takes place. This change makes a man a Christian. Training, education, evolution, operation of natural laws will not suffice to produce this change. "Except ye be born of the spirit, ye cannot enter the kingdom of God."

We must not be satisfied with only a nominal connection with the Church; we must be satisfied only with a living intercourse with God. Let those of us who have never realized this rest until this is gained. Through God this is fully given.

Let us try to remember this when trying to convert others. There may be large congregations, there may be great eloquence and power on the part of the preacher, but without the power and presence of the spirit of the living God, not one soul will be converted.

One absolutely essential sign of apostolic success in the ministry is the power to write epistles upon the hearts of men and women. Who can not do is not in the true line of succession. Ye are our apostles known and read by all men.

Jesus Christ did not write; he used and uses amanuensis. Those who can write epistles upon the hearts of men, even if they are in the Salvation Army, are the true successors of the Apostles. The true burden of the minister is not to enlarge the church rolls—it is easy to do this. His true burden is the writing of epistles upon the hearts of his hearers. If he is being used of Jesus Christ to write such epistles, he will be filled with great joy; if not, words can not describe the agony of his soul.

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press the thoughts of the writer. Jesus Christ is called logos, because he is the expression of God's thought to a sinful world. And the believer is intended to be a living embodiment of Christ's life and teachings. That is why the Christian is left in the world—so that men may read. Looking at the believer, we see Christ.

By their fruits we shall know them. Is it wrong to judge Confucianism by the Chinese, Mohammedanism by the Turks, infidelity by the infidel, Christianity by the Christian? If a good type of the Christian is taken, no one objects to this. A startling comparison of Dwight L. Moody with Colonel Ingersoll was then made. And the preacher added: "If an inhabitant of Mars should ask, 'What is infidelity?' we should answer, 'Look at Ingersoll.' What is Christianity?" 'Look at Moody.' The world must and will judge Christianity by its professor followers.

"There is a fifth gospel. There are the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and besides there is the gospel according to you, Christian man or woman, and this fifth gospel is the one the world reads. People may neglect the Bible, but every day they read the gospel according to you.

"Learn to represent truly our God, to express rightly and truly God's thoughts. Let us remember our responsibility, remember that each of us is an epistle. Are we truly representing Him whose name has been inscribed upon us?"

The service was concluded by singing "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds," and the benediction.

Monday's Exercises.

Monday morning was devoted to the Freshman-Sophomore declamation contest, Monday evening to the Junior and Senior oratorical contests. The decision of the judges, however, was not announced until the graduating exercises on Tuesday morning, and the winners of the medals will be found mentioned in the account of the concluding exercises.

Monday morning the following students contested for the medal for excellence in declamation, their selections being given after their names: C. S. Bamberg, Lytton's "Last Days of Pompeii"; M. L. Mershon, Hill's "Perils of the Nation"; E. A. Taylor, Roosevelt's Inaugural Address; W. C. Price, Roosevelt's Eulogy on Lincoln; A. A. Baker, Daniel's Eulogy on Lee; P. S. May, Blaine's Eulogy on Garfield; W. A. Shands, Emerson's On "The American Scholar"; H. G. Glazier, "Hayne's Reply to Webster."

Monday evening the following juniorors contested for the Junior oratorical medal: E. T. Barco, "Money

MAULSBY AGAIN LOST HEAVILY BY FIRE

LARGE AND CONSIDERABLE BARN DESTROYED MONDAY NIGHT.

By HARRY WALKER. SUBJOINT EDITOR OF "WOMEN WERE NEVER SO BEING BETTER DRAK."

News was received here yesterday of another destruction due to lightning which recently destroyed the home and all contents of the Gainesville Stock Company.

It has been well a few weeks since the previous brick plant of this concern was destroyed by fire, and it seems as if luck has struck them in rather a hard way, for the total loss on the two fires will reach into several thousand dollars.

The loss of the barn, which was a large and comfortable two-story building, will probably be about \$1,000, with no insurance. The building contained all of the harness and wagons used by the company and had just been stocked with all of the out-yield made by Mr. Mashby, besides a solid carload of hay had just been placed in the building.

The first known of the blaze was about 10 o'clock on Monday night when a darkie who lives only a short distance from the place was awakened by the crackling noise of the fire and upon investigation it was found that the entire top of the building was in a blaze.

He at once went to the place and by hard work and with some assistance managed to drive the seventeen head of mules from the pen in the building and save them, but within a short while it would have been impossible to enter the place at all.

How the fire originated could not be learned. There was no insurance on the building, and the loss is a total one to Mr. Maulsby.

Hunger": D. E. Cappleman, "The Making of a Nation"; R. D. Rader, "Education for Service"; O. W. Drane, "Waste Not, Want Not."

The orators contesting for the Senior Medal, together with the titles of their orations, follow: W. B. Martin, "The United States in Pan-American Trade"; G. R. Ames, "The Holy Grail"; W. W. Gibbs, "Roads—Their Value and Administration"; R. S. Kay, "The Solid South."

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